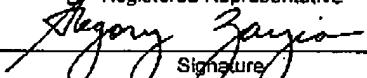


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Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this communication.